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SUBJECT: CONGRESSIONAL ACCESS TO KIM DONG-JO

REF: (A) SEOUL 3871, (B) STATE 117298

1. IN VIEW OF INDICATION IN REF (A) THAT OUR FULL MESSAGE
TO AMBASSADOR KIM YONG-SHIK MAY 8 (REF B) MAY NOT
HAVE ADEQUATELY REACHED SEOUL, KOREA DIRECTOR RICH
REVIEWED THE SITUATION WITH ROK EMBASSY COUNSELOR PARK
KUN-WOO MAY 9, AND AGAIN POINTED OUT SIGNIFICANCE OF
JAWORSKI'S LETTER TO THE SECRETARY.

2. WHEN ASKED WHETHER THE EMBASSY HAD ANY RESPONSE YET
FROM SEOUL PARK SAID NOTHING SUBSTANTIVE RECEIVED YET,
ALTHOUGH INSTRUCTIONS WERE HOPED FOR PRIOR TO THE MAY 10
MEETING WITH JAWORSKI. REGARDING PAK SANG-YONG'S COMMENT
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TO POLCOUNS CLARK TO EFFECT THAT AMBASSADOR HAD NOT
REQUESTED NEW INSTRUCTIONS, PARK SAID MORE THAN ONE
LENGTHY CABLE HAD BEEN SENT TO SEOUL FOLLOWING MONDAY'S
MEETING HERE, AND EITHER PAK HAD NOT YET RECEIVED SECOND
CABLE AT TIME OF DISCUSSION RECORDED REF (A), OR PERHAPS
DID NOT HAVE ACCESS TO IT.

3. COMMENT: IF ROKG IS TREATING MAY 10 MEETING WITH JAWORSKI AS AN ALTERNATIVE TO REACHING ANY DECISIONS AT THIS TIME, THEN WE BELIEVE THEY ARE MISJUDGING THE SITUATION. PERHAPS IT IS WORTH ONE FURTHER EFFORT THERE TO GET ACROSS UNDERSTANDING THAT KIM SHOULD BE INSTRUCTED OR AUTHORIZED TO NEGOTIATE FURTHER THIS ROUND IF ANY SUCH NEGOTIATION IS TO BE POSSIBLE, BECAUSE SECOND THOUGHTS LATER MAY BE TOO LATE EFFECTIVELY TO REACH AN ACCOMMODATION IN A MANNER WHICH PRESERVES ROK NATIONAL PRIDE. THEREFORE, THE ALTERNATIVES SEEM TO BE AN ACCOMMODATION OF VIEWS BETWEEN THE TWO PARTIES THIS WEEK OR A TERMINATION OF THE DIALOGUE. WHILE WE WOULD OBVIOUSLY CONTINUE TO MAKE EVERY EFFORT TO WIN CONGRESSIONAL SUPPORT FOR OUR SIGNIFICANT KOREA-RELATED LEGISLATIVE PROPOSALS, WE REMAIN UNABLE TO PREDICT THE OUTCOME IF THE ETHICS COMMITTEES EXPRESS FRUSTRATION OVER INCOMPLETE ELEMENTS OF THEIR INVESTIGATIONS. VANCE

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